WakeMed Pediatric Asthma Program

2007 NC Asthma Summit April 17, 2007

Objectives of Presentation

- After completion of the presentation, the participant will be able to describe:
- ☐ Structure of the Pediatric Asthma Program
- ☐ Education content of the Pediatric Asthma Program
- ☐ Goals and Outcomes of the Pediatric Asthma Program

In the Beginning...

- Increased Inpatient Length of Stay
- Inconsistent Treatment Modalities
- □ CQI Project
- 1999 Outpatient Education Program
- □ Funded by Duke Endowment and GlaxoSmithKline ages 5-11
- 2001- CDC grant focused on inner city asthma and associated risks
- □ 2003 Expanded education for ages 12-17
- □ 2004 Expanded education for ages 3-4

Education Content

- Based on NIH Guidelines
- Asthma Educators serve in a case management role (RNs and RRTs)
- ☐ Triggers, Medications, Delivery Devices, Warning Signs, Asthma Action Plan
- □ Collaborate with medical director and child's PMD
- PFTs, assessment of asthma and environment

Services

- 2 programs: 6 months (ages 3-4) OR 12 months (ages 5-17)
- Initial Consult
- □ Group Education Session
- Telephone contacts
- ☐ Follow-up visits (4, 8, & 12 months)
- Allergy Skin Testing
- Pulmonary Function Tests
- Each Participant receives 2 sets of equipment: appropriate spacer and peak flow meter (if applicable)

Services

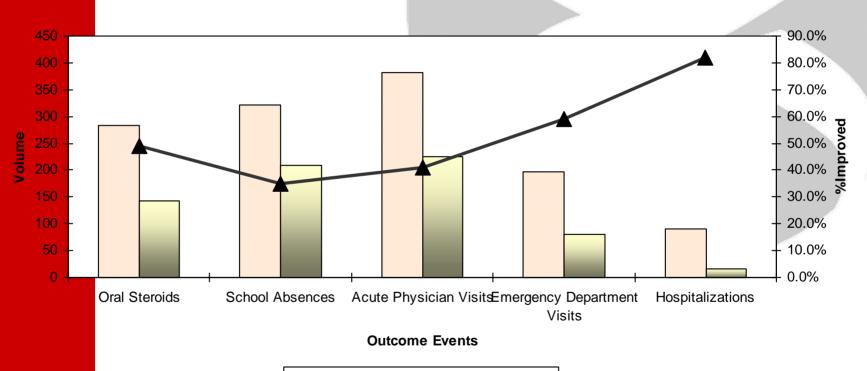
- Assist patients with financial concerns
 - Medicaid, Healthchoice, no insurance, inability to obtain medications
- Attend to child's social concerns
 - ■School visits, discussions with school nurse and staff
- ☐ Aid in transportation issues
 - Supply bus passes, occasionally cab fare, Medicaid transport
- Offer flexible appointment schedule

Goals of Program

- Overall goal of the PAP is to improve asthma management to decrease complications and improve quality of life.
 - ☐ Decrease need for hospitalizations
 - Decrease need for ED visits
 - Decrease school absences
 - Decrease oral steroid use
 - ☐ Decrease acute office visits

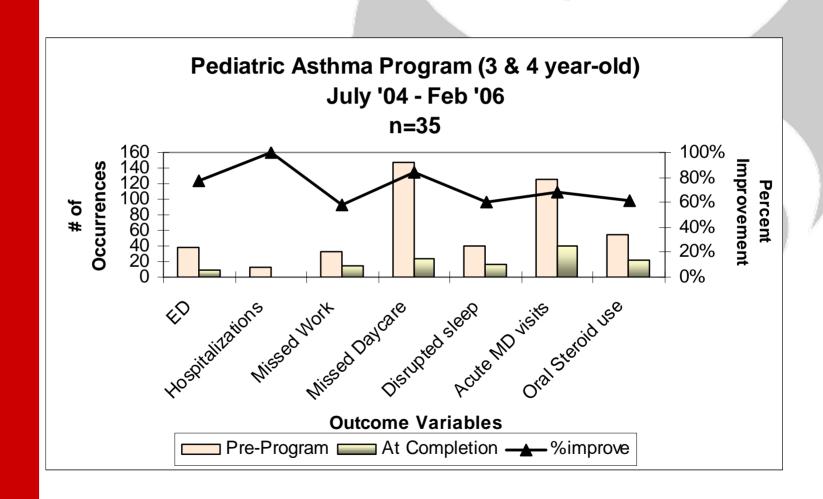
Cumulative Outcomes 5-17 year olds

Outcome Event Summary n=433

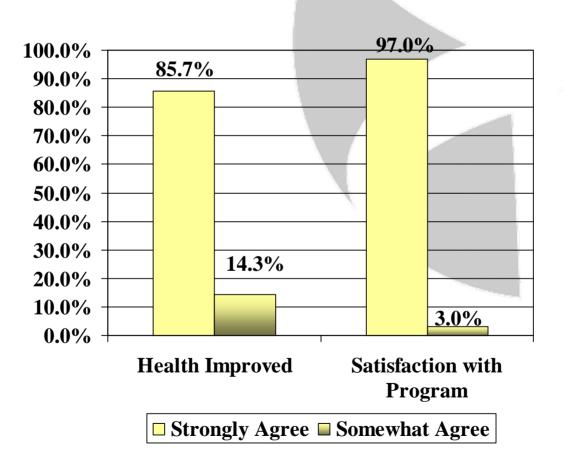


Pre Post Percent Change

Cumulative Outcomes 3-4 year olds



Patient Satisfaction Survey: Overall Results



Future Goals

- Quarterly refresher courses
- Expand education to outlying facilities
- Apply for EPA leadership award
- Increase environmental trigger monitoring
- ☐ Implement updated NIH guidelines
- Smoking cessation classes for parents
- Adult asthma education
- Expand information to WakeMed intranet and internet

Populations Served

- Pediatric Community
 - ■Wee Wheezers (3 and 4 year olds)
 - □5-17 year olds
- Growing Hispanic Population
 - WakeMed's interpreter services and language line
- No limitations on residency, financial constraints, or insurance

Community Organizations

- Actively participates with the AANC
- American Lung Association
- ☐ Camp Challenge
- Wake County Asthma Coalition
- **□** YMCAs
- □ Local school districts

Team Members

- Medical Director: Karen Chilton, MD
- Supervisor: Debbe Langdon RN, BSN
- Secretary: Ginny Kellum
- Staff: Sharon Caudle RN,BSN
- □ Debbie Credle-Godwin RN,BSN
- Keri Erickson RRT,RCP
- ☐ Sarah Lineberry RRT,RCP

Current Funding

- Duke Endowment
 - 1 educator position, PR, office supplies, educational materials
- GlaxoSmithKline
 - Equipment, travel, continuing education
- WakeMed Health and Hospitals
 - 3 educator positions, supervisor, and administrative assistant
- Wal-Mart community donation
 - Incentives for completion (prizes and gift cards)

Questions?

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